

decades at least—who is more knowledgeable and respected on foreign affairs issues than Representative LEE HAMILTON. Whether serving as the Chairman or recently as the senior minority member of the House Committee on International Relations, he has consistently provided the leadership our country needed on these international issues. This had been true even when his analysis and convictions on such issues compelled him to stand almost alone against a tide of emotionalism and irrationality. First and foremost, this Member admires LEE HAMILTON, as others do, for keeping his focus on the American national interest and insisting, that against all pressures, it would remain his guide.

This Member wants Representative HAMILTON's constituents in Indiana to know, too, that despite his necessary attention to all these complex and demanding international issues and despite flattering acclaim, LEE HAMILTON kept his feet on the ground, his gaze on the horizon, and his focus "away back home in Indiana." Always a Hoosier, LEE was born and bred to understand and honor the views, interests, and values of his constituents. He always has so naturally demonstrated the self-confidence and judiciousness in decisions and the humbleness in demeanor that springs from a deep understanding and respect for what it means to truly serve the people who elect one in our representative democracy. Indians and all Americans can take a full measure of pride in our distinguished colleague's extraordinary service to America.

In concluding, this Member wants to convey to LEE HAMILTON, our distinguished colleague from Indiana, and to his wonderful life, Nancy, who undoubtedly has been crucially important to his public service, this Member's great appreciation and admiration for the extraordinarily important public service you have rendered to our nation. LEE, undoubtedly you have so much yet you can offer. All of us, who have had the privilege to serve with you in the Congress, wish you every good opportunity and success in that respect, and also to Nancy, you, and your family in your life together.

HONORING ROHM AND HAAS
TEXAS, INCORPORATED

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Rohm and Haas Texas Incorporated for their selection by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce as the 1998 Industry of the Year.

Rohm and Haas Texas Incorporated has been a responsible member of the Deer Park community for 50 years, safely manufacturing chemicals for use in the disposable diaper, automobile, paint, coatings and communication industries. Construction on the Deer Park Plant began in 1947 and in July of the following year, the first shipment of acetone cyanohydrin was made to another Rohm and Haas plant in Pennsylvania to produce acrylic sheet.

The Deer Park Plant would become the company's largest and most productive with five major expansions in the fifties, followed by four in the sixties, two in the seventies, two in

the eighties and six in the nineties. Employment has climbed from 132 in 1948 to more than 800 today, making the plant one of the largest industrial employers in the area. When wages, purchases and taxes are considered, the plant and employees are responsible for adding more than \$85 million each year to the local economy which, in turn, creates an estimated 4,500 jobs for others in the community.

Rohm and Haas' most far-reaching joint industry/community safety and environmental improvement effort is the "Responsible Care Program" developed by the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA). It requires that participating companies pledge to the community, in writing, to improve health and safety and environmental protection. In this regard, Rohm and Haas conducts periodic self-evaluations and reports publicly on releases of toxic materials in the air, land and water, along with plans for reducing them. They also invite third parties into the plant to see what is being done.

Rohm and Haas is also committed to investing in comprehensive programs designed to reach many deserving sectors of the community including youth, education, family, culture, the arts, health and the mentally and physically challenged, as well as supporting local industry and community efforts to improve the quality of life in neighboring communities. The plant contributes approximately \$100,000 a year to charitable causes and employees make a significant impact as active volunteers, donating more than \$150,000 a year to the United Way alone. Employee volunteers are rewarded through Rohm and Haas' Volunteer of the Year Program, which rewards outstanding individuals efforts while financially supporting the organizations they represent.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rohm and Haas Texas Incorporated on being named the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce 1998 Industry of the Year. This honor is well deserved for their work in expanding business and job opportunities, establishing safer conditions for workers, and initiatives to protect and improve the environment, while supporting a comprehensive program committed to strengthening community relations by supporting employees volunteer activities and making corporate contributions to deserving sectors of the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I was unable to be present to vote on Monday, September 28, 1998, for the following votes:

Roll Call No. 473—H.R. 3150—I would have voted "yea"

Roll Call No. 472—H.R. 4060—I would have voted "nay"—This contains no funding for the Tennessee Valley Authority to perform navigation and flood control for the citizens of the First Congressional District of Tennessee. This is unfair because navigation and flood control are paid for in every section of the country.

Roll Call No. 471—H.R. 4103—I would have voted "yea"

Roll Call No. 470—H.R. 3891—I would have voted "yea"

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FRANK
ANGELO SIINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe the passing of Frank Angelo Siino, who died in August 1998. He was a master boatwright who carried on the traditions of his family, a long line of boat builders.

Frank and his brother Raymond followed in their father's footsteps by working in the Siino Boat Works on Cannery Row in Monterey, California. They build feluccas, boats built upon the ancient double-ended, lateen-rigged design used since time immemorial in the Mediterranean. Liboria, an Italian felucca which the brothers built and named for their mother, now hangs in the Monterey Bay Aquarium as a prime example of a craft used by fisherman in Monterey. Frank's skill at molding wood and repairing boats was innate. His friend Mike Maiorana said "He was an authentic boatwright. When you'd see him at his band saw cutting out a compound curve, you couldn't tell where the wood left off and he began."

Frank's knowledge of authentic wooden boat-building was sought out by many, and, as a consequence, Frank became a teacher and a mentor. Although today's commercial boats are fiberglass, steel and aluminum, wooden boats by Frank Siino still ply the waters of Monterey Bay. Frank built *The Holiday* from scratch, and she still works as a charter fishing boat. Her sister, the *Miss Monterey*, works out of Morro Bay as a charter boat. The last boat Frank made, the *Anthony Boy*, is docked in Moss Landing. As a part of his legacy, it must be noted that Frank created a boat for the Dennis the Menace Park, *The Turkey*, for children to climb on, and in doing so physically learn about the boat which so gracefully illustrates a way of life in our region.

My thoughts are with the family, Frank's wife Lucille, his brother Raymond, his sister Rose, and his sons, Randy, Andy and Mark. Their loss is a profound one. Frank Angelo Siino created and maintained more than wooden boats in Monterey, he maintained our history.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6,
HIGHER EDUCATION AMEND-
MENTS OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 28, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member rises today to express his opposition to a particular provision in the H.R. 6 Conference Report, which would increase the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee to nine basis points effective on October 1, 2004—a three basis point increase over the current level. This provision was not included in the House version of H.R. 6 legislation. However, the Senate version did contain this three point increase in the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee. Unfortunately, the H.R. Conference Report which includes this Senate